

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending in the application.

Claims 4-8 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaji et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,198,165, in view of Tokada Hiroshi, Japanese Patent Application No. JP-403045398A. An amendment has been made to claim 3, which is supported in the specification by, for example, page 7, lines 19-23.

According to the present invention, both interconnect layers 17, 18 are disposed on both surfaces of the base member 12 and the top floating conductive layer 20 and the bottom conductive floating layer 21 are disposed to fill space regions with a specific interval from both interconnect layers 17, 18, and cover almost all the surfaces of the base member 12, thereby suppressing the generation of stress due to warp of the base member 12 and preventing moisture from penetrating into the rear (bottom) surface of the top dielectric surface 15a and into the rear (top) surface of the bottom dielectric surface 15b.

Yamaji et al. teaches a structure of a board having an interconnect pattern and a dummy pattern on a single surface, and does not teach or suggest a board having interconnect patterns on both sides of the board.

The Examiner asserted in the Office Action that Tokuda teaches a circuit board with interconnect layers and floating layers on both sides of a base member.

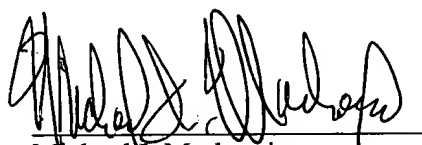
Tokuda does not explicitly teach or suggest which members are the floating conductive layers corresponding to those of the present invention. Allegedly, the earth part 4 may be considered as a floating conductive layer. However, the earth part 4 corresponds to the interconnect layer of the present invention.

There is no motivation to combine Tokuda having a structure without floating layers and Yamaji et al.

In view of the remarks set forth above claims 1 and 3 are in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner would not consider claims 1 and 3 as allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further action.

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